



First Congregational Church of Tallmadge  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

# Liturgy for the Celebration of Worship

3RD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 25, 2026 | 10:00 AM

Liturgist: Rev. John Phillips

*"No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here."*

## WELCOME

*The chimes call us to a time of worship*

### Greeting

Liturgist

### Prelude

*"Allegro"* - G.F. Handel

Organ: Nancy Lynn Robinson

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### Introit

Leader:

**Congregation:**

Leader:

Our help is in the name of the Holy One,  
**who made heaven and earth.**

As we have gathered here to worship,  
let us stand and greet one another in the  
love of Christ.

(Please stand.)

# \* Gathering Song *"Enter, Rejoice, and Come In"*

## Enter, Rejoice, and Come In

73

*Louise Ruspini; alt.*

*Ps. 100*

Unison C FM7 C C7 FM7 Dm7 G7 C

1 En - ter, re - joice, and come in. En - ter. re - ioice. and come in.

To - day will be a joy - ful day; en-ter, re-joice, and come in.

## \*Call to Worship Liturgist

One: Leave behind what shrivels your spirit  
 All: **and follow the lush lure of the Life-Giving.**  
 One: Leave behind the coldness of shoulds,  
 All: **and follow the warmth of Inner Wisdom.**  
 One: Leave behind the hollowness of image  
 All: **and follow the rich depth of Beauty.**  
 One: Leave behind toxic reality denials  
 All: **and follow mourning, soulful and honest.**  
 One: Leave behind holding it all together  
 All: **and follow that which breaks your heart open  
 into a field of wildflowers.**  
 One: Dear people, follow the Thread of Love!  
 All: **For the Loving One guides us in the Ways of Life**

# \*Opening Hymn

*"Jesus Calls Us o'er the Tumult" #345*

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

## 345 Jesus Calls Us o'er the Tumult

1 Je - sus calls us o'er the tu - mult of our  
 2 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the  
 3 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of  
 4 Je - sus calls us— by thy mer - cies, Sav - ior,

life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his sweet voice  
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would  
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and  
 may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thine o -

sound - eth, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me."  
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."  
 pleas - ures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."  
 be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.

WORDS: Cecil F. Alexander (1818-1895)  
 MUSIC: William H. Jude (1851-1922)

GALILEE  
 8.7.8.7.

## **\*Opening Prayer**

Liturgist

Living Christ, you placed your hands upon people and healed them. We mourn for the ways physical, mental, and emotional healing are out of reach for many. We rage against systems that profit from our pain. Thank you for the wise people who champion accessible and compassionate healthcare. May we co-create spaces of healing for ourselves and each other beyond body shaming, ableism, racism, misogyny, and classism—spaces curvy and ripe with Expansive Love. Amen.

## **Anthem**

*"Since Jesus Came into My Heart"* - arr. Shackley

Chancel Choir, Director: Nancy Lynn Robinson

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# **A TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US**

## **Children's Message**

Wendy Brown

# **WE LIFT OUR PRAISE & PRAYER TO GOD**

**Naming our Prayers before God**

**Moments of Silent Prayer**

**Pastoral Prayer w/ Lord's Prayer (using debts/debtors)**

## **HEARING GOD'S WORD FOR THE DAY**

### **Scripture Lessons**

First Lesson: Isaiah 9:1-3b

<sup>1</sup> But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

<sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—  
on them light has shined.

<sup>3</sup> You have multiplied the nation,  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,

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Everyone: **THANKS BE TO GOD**

# \*Hymn of Preparation

"Lord, You Have come to the Lakeshore" vs. 1-2 #347

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

## 347 Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore Tú Has Venido a la Orilla


Unison  
D A7 D



1 Lord, you have come to the lake - shore  
2 You know so well my pos - ses - sions;  
3 You need my hands, full of car - ing,  
4 You, who have fished oth - er o - ceans,

1 Tú has ve - ni - do a la o - ri - lla,  
2 Tú sa - bes bien lo que ten - go:  
3 Tú nec - ce - si - tas mis man - os,  
4 Tú, pes - ca - dor de o - tros mar - es,


G A7



look - ing nei - ther for wealth - y nor wise ones;  
my boat car - ries no gold and no weap - ons;  
through my la - bors to give oth - ers rest,  
ev - er longed for by souls who are wait - ing,

no has bus - ca - do ni a sa - bios ni a ri - cos,  
en mi bar - ca no hay o - ro - ni es - pa - das,  
mi can - san - cio que a o - tros des - can - se,  
an - sia e - ter - na de al - mas que es - per - an,

D A7 Dsus D Dsus



you on - ly asked me to fol - low hum - bly.  
you will find there my nets and la - bor.  
and con - stant love that keeps on lov - ing.  
my lov - ing friend, so now you call me.

tan só - lo quie - res que yo te si - ga.  
tan só - lo re - des y mi tra - ba - jo.  
a - mor que quier - a se - guir a - man - do.  
a - mi - go bue - no, que a - si me lla - mas.

WORDS: Cesáreo Gabaraín (1936-1991); para. Matthew 4:18-22.  
tr. Gertrude C. Suppe (1911- ), George Lockwood (1946- ),  
Raquel Gutiérrez-Achón (1927- ), alt.  
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PESCADOR DE HOMBRES  
Irregular.Ref.

*Refrain*  
D7 G D

O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,  
Señor, me has mi-ra-do a los o-jos

A7 G B A7 D  
C# B

and while smil-ing have spo-ken my name;  
y son-rien-do has di-cho mi nom-bre;

D7 G F#m7

now my boat's left on the shore-line be-hind me;  
en la a-re-na he de-ja-do mi bar-ca;

B7 Em G B A7 D

by your side I will seek oth-er seas.  
jun-to a ti bus-ca-ré o-tro mar.

## Gospel Lesson: Matthew 4:12-23

<sup>12</sup> Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. <sup>13</sup>He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup>so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

<sup>15</sup> ‘Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,  
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—  
<sup>16</sup> the people who sat in darkness  
have seen a great light,  
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death  
light has dawned.’

<sup>17</sup>From that time Jesus began to proclaim, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.’

<sup>18</sup> As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup>And he said to them, ‘Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.’ <sup>20</sup>Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup>As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. <sup>22</sup>Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

<sup>23</sup> Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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**Everyone: THANKS BE TO GOD**

## Sermon

*“Gifts That Keep on Giving: The Gift of Bold Action”*

- Rev. Daniel Doty

# THE OFFERING

## Invitation to the Offering

GIVE ONLINE HERE



## Offertory

*"Nocturne"* - Felix Mendelssohn

Organ: Nancy Lynn Robinson

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(Please stand.)

## \*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God above ye heavenly host.

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## \*Prayer of Dedication

May we follow the path of those who teach us about thriving, healing generational trauma with gentleness and fortitude, co-creating a world where none are overlooked and safely is our solid ground. Bless our offerings to our collective dreams.

# WE ARE SENT BY GOD TO BE THE GOOD NEWS

## \*Closing Hymn

“Lord, You Have come to the Lakeshore ” vs. 3-4 #347  
(words and music on pages 6-7)

## \*Benediction

## \*Congregation Response

“Go now in peace, never be afraid  
God will go with you, each hour of every day.  
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.”

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## Postlude

“Gigue” - Telemann/Simone

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# UPCOMING EVENTS



## **WINTER BOOK STUDY | WEDNESDAYS, 12PM, BEGINNING, JAN. 14**

The Winter 2026 FCC Book Study will be a study of the book “Second Thoughts about Hell: Understanding What We Believe” by Ronald Allen and Robert Cornwall. We have copies of the book available in the church office for \$14. This book study will begin at noon on January 14 in the David Bacon Room. Bring a lunch and bring a friend!



## **WINTER BIBLE STUDY | WEDNESDAYS, 1PM, BEGINNING, JAN. 14**

The Winter 2026 Bible Study will continue it's study of the Christian Scriptures in chronological order. The study will commence on Wednesday, January 14, and begin with 2 Corinthians. We will then go to James and finish with Colossians. The study will take place on Wednesdays at 1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. A reading list that will allow you to prepare for each class will be distributed on Sunday mornings beginning Dec. 21. See you there!



## **SUPER BOWL SUB SALE TO SUPPORT YOUTH MISSIONS**

Order your Super Bowl Subs this Sunday and next. All proceeds support Youth Missions. Subs are \$8. See the order form on the following page.



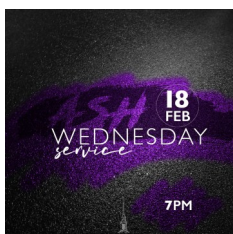
## **WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP FEBRUARY, VALENTINE'S LUNCHEON | THUR., FEB. 5, 12 PM– DANNY BOY'S**

All women are invited to join your friends for lunch. Sign up in the Atrium today!



## **ROOTS AND WINGS | SUNDAY, FEB. 15, 4 PM**

Roots and Wings is a fellowship group for grandparents and grandchildren to grow in faith and friendship together. This month's activity is a service project.



## **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE | WEDNESDAY, FEB. 18 , 7 PM**

Lent begins on Wednesday, February 18th. Begin your Lenten journey with you FCC Family at this special service, including the imposition of ashes.

## THE PRAYER CHAIN CONNECTION

We pray for the names listed below and also for many other church members and their concerns, which remain confidential. You may call or text Diana Caldwell with your prayer concerns @ 330-265-5723. *Bless be God who did not refuse me the kindness I sought in prayer. Psalm*

*Brad Ashley*

*Noreen Ashley*

*Tim Ashley*

*The Becking Family*

*Katie Ann Bickett*

*Margarete Boschert*

*Jim Brown*

*Patti Calvarese*

*Sue Canavan*

*Jim Caplinger*

*Patty Conely*

*Rylin Davis and family*

*Sean and Sara Doty*

*Elaine Engle*

*Debbie Fickes*

*Karen Ford*

*Darrell Goodson*

*Eleanor Hall*

*Alleen Hilbish*

*Jim Jackson*

*John James*

*Nancy Johnson*

*Anita Kelly-Lahrmer*

*Zell Lambert*

*Roberta Lewis*

*Ron Mitchell*

*Bob Poff*

*David and Jackie Parker*

*LTJG John Norton*

*Heather Read*

*Richard Reynolds*

*Alice Sheeler*

*Eddie Showalter*

*Lt. Maxwell Spear*

*Richard & Karen Thomason*

*Kim and Noel Walters*

*Ensign 2 Kaitlyn Wetter*

*Don Woerz*

**We will not  
have a  
spaghetti  
dinner in  
January or  
February.  
Plan to join  
us in  
March!**

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**SPAGHETTI**  
dinner

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I prefer not to order subs but would like to make a monetary donation to the youth mission trip.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Rev. Daniel J. Doty, *Senior Minister*  
Nancy Lynn Robinson, *Choir Director/Organist*  
Wendy Brown, *Director of Family Ministries*

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